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RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313

Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Final Office Action mailed May 4, 2005 with a shortened statutory period of three months for response. Since this response is submitted within two-months of the date of mailing (namely, by July 4, 2005), **expedited procedure after final** is requested. Applicants request reconsideration of the above-referenced patent application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.